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H.B. No. 812

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to standing in a roadway; amending provisions subject to a criminal penalty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 552.007, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 552.007. STANDING ON OR NEAR HIGHWAY [~~SOLICITATION BY PEDESTRIANS~~].

SECTION 2. Section 552.007(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person may not stand in a roadway [~~to solicit a ride, contribution, employment, or business from an occupant of a vehicle~~], except that a person may stand in a roadway to solicit a charitable contribution if authorized to do so by the local authority having jurisdiction over the roadway.

SECTION 3. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurs before that date.

(b) An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1           SECTION 4.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.